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Junior-Senior Prom a Success

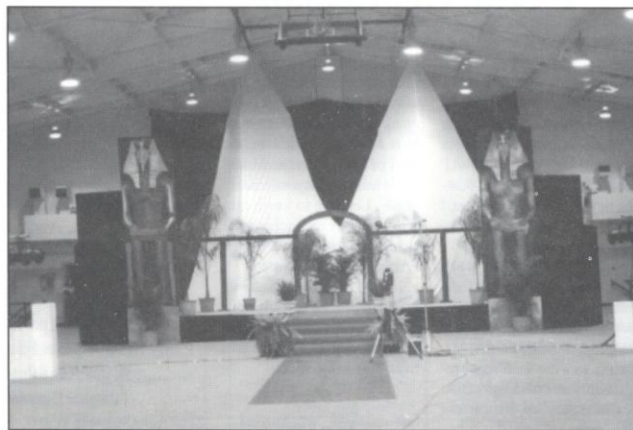
by Robert West, Junior Class President

On April 24, 1993, a beautiful spring Saturday, a small band of juniors frantically worked to complete the 1993 Senior Prom. The group consisting of the junior class' best artists, light electricians, and carpenters worked the majority of the day in the exhaustive heat of the gym trying to put the finishing touches on the presentation stage. The set itself was gradually developing into the desired oasis scene depicted near the Great Pyramids of Giza Egypt. Construction, already having been mocked by pro-Star Wars Juniors and Seniors, sought to achieve perfection and dispel anti-pyramid propaganda and titles such as "Teepee Prom" and "Madonna Prom." By 4:30, after six hours of painstaking preparation, all painting, lighting, backdrop making, and pyramid erecting was complete. As the band sought ways to better use the perfect

acoustics of Brownlee O. Currey Gymnasium, all juniors

to bathe and dress for the evening.

The traditional Senior Roast was indeed held in Frist Hall



The Oasis of Giza awaits the Junior - Senior Prom

iors stopped working, satisfied that they had achieved perfection, and rushed home

Two-and-a-half hours later the first segment of the Seniors' evening began.

and with almost complete senior attendance. After a nice dinner, the Roast reached its

height as one by one those present were "pummeled" by the Roast Committee of Baker Eadie, Austin Koon, Andy Anderton, Sam Smaldone, and Tom Hamling. While parents sat quietly in the 90 degree gymnasium well past 8:30, the Roast continued until everyone had been embarrassed. At a little after nine, the presentation did actually begin; and the rest of the evening proceeded as planned. The band, "Push Down and Turn," was popular with everyone, and after a set of classic disco tunes dedicated to our "Disco Dan" himself (his reputation having spread to Indianapolis, the band's home town, thanks to Mother Haslam) all felt, at least, satisfied with the Juniors' hard work. The band continued until 12:00 supported by a 30' truss structure of disco lights and a smoke

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M.B.A. Admissions: '93-'94

by Jim Bowen, Staff Writer

Recently, Montgomery Bell Academy brought to a close the extremely difficult task of new student admissions for the 1993-94 school year. Headed by the new Director of Admissions, Janet Hensley, M.B.A. was choosing from its largest and strongest pool of applicants in five years.

As Mrs. Hensley noted, it has been an "exciting but hard" year for both M.B.A. and prospective students, as the school was only able to admit a maximum of 35 students into the the freshman class and 84 into the seventh grade from a pool numbering into the hundreds of the best and brightest Nashville has to offer.

One of the major reasons for the surge of applicants has been the newly updated process of admissions. The criteria have remained the same, including standardized

tests, good elementary school transcripts, and letters of recommendations, as well as a genuine desire to attend M.B.A.

The difference this year, though, has been in small changes in the process itself. First, the forms have been updated to make them more valuable tools in the decision process. Second, a new information packet was given to all prospective students. The packet included information on M.B.A.'s important history and tradition, its philosophy of "gentleman, scholar, and athlete," and other important facts.

By far the most successful change for both the student and the school, however, has been the required interview, which has added a whole new dimension to the process by giving each name a face and by adding a personal

touch to each application. As Mrs. Hensley remarked, with each interview the student was able to learn more about M.B.A., while M.B.A. learned more about the student and his desire to attend. The interviews also helped the school put to rest many of the students' misconceptions about M.B.A. and thereby attracted many more students that before had been needlessly lost.

These changes and the overwhelmingly large and qualified pool of applicants assured the success of the new admissions process. Much credit must be given to Mrs. Hensley and all involved for their hard work and undying effort to attract Nashville's best students. With the continuing success of the admissions process, M.B.A. looks forward to a continuing tradition of excellence.

Project Graduation '93 Plans Underway

by Mrs. Loretta Chapman,
mother of Winston Chapman, '93

Informed sources report that momentum for Project Graduation '93 is building feverishly and that the door prizes - one for each and every graduate are sensational. Plus, each '93 alum who is present when the grand prize is awarded is eligible for \$1001. *Dean Dollar* and *The Head of Phineas Gage* will make celebratory music; and many other entertainments, surprises, and activities are already waiting in the wings.

ATTENTION PLEASE! Tickets for Project Graduation will be sold at the Senior Mother-Son Luncheon on May 4. They will also be available on Friday, May 7 and on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, May 10, 11, and 12, between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm in the courtyard behind

the Ball Building. Each '93 graduate attending the all-night party at Vanderbilt Stadium Club on the evening of Commencement will require a ticket. One guest ticket may also be purchased by each se-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter From the Editor



Will Berry
Editor-in-Chief

picture by John Crosslin

After an extended spring break, *The Bell Ringer*

is back! The sixth, and next to last issue is finally here. This issue provides another *Bell Ringer* first, a special edition (see insert), which highlights the accomplishments and dedication of three outstanding teachers who are retiring at the end of the school year. In addition to honoring Mrs.

Bowers, Mrs. Hollins, and Mrs. Lowry, the sixth edition of *The Bell Ringer* also has its normal dosage of school news and accomplishments, controversial opinions, off-the-wall entertainment, and in-depth sports coverage. As

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Mr. Carter: A True Gentleman

Dear *Bell Ringer*,

Mr. Francis E. Carter was the headmaster of Montgomery Bell Academy from 1957-1978. On April 29, 1993, Mr. Alan R. LeQuire openly attacked the memory of Mr. Carter at the Cum Laude Society presentation.

I never had the honor of knowing Mr. Carter, but I believe that this is wrong. I do not know how much this is true today, but when I came to M.B.A., Mr. Carter was a symbol of M.B.A. tradition and history, immortalized by, among other things, Carter Hall and stories of his per-

sonal trips to the barber shop with students who violated the hair code.

When I heard Mr. LeQuire say, "Mr. Carter never cared about anything but football players and AP scores," I was shocked. Having never known Mr. Carter, I asked several faculty members their opinions of him.

All thought very highly of him, and some indicated that he had an interest in every aspect of school and student life. All agreed that Mr. Carter was the man most responsible for building M.B.A. academically to its current standards.

Mr. LeQuire is a distinguished alumnus of M.B.A., and has a right to his own opinions. However, many of the things we enjoy at M.B.A. were started in the days of Mr. Carter, and I feel that it was very ungentlemanly of Mr. LeQuire to insult him in a ceremony recognizing the academic excellence which Francis E. Carter piloted.

In my opinion, if we give up our tradition, our honor, our memories and the code by which a gentleman lives, this is too much!

Sincerely,
Winn Keathley,
outraged student

A Response to Men Who Care

Dear *Bell Ringer*,

I'm flattered. I truly am.

Last December I wrote an article for Harpeth Hall's *Logos II* to point out to my fellow Honeybears the ways in which our culture continues to reflect stereotypes about the roles of women. I have yet to hear any response from anyone of my own gender, but the students at MBA have responded enthusiastically to my observations.

I was not even aware of the existence of *Men Who Care*, but I appreciate their support. I am especially impressed by the restraint they show in their protests. Many feminist groups call for censorship suppressing the free exchange of ideas and images are created than any prejudice.

However, I find their hysteria alarming because it implies that a woman would never be rational enough to hold a position of power such as the office of President of

the United States. Admittedly, the feminist movement seems out of control sometimes, and *Men Who Care* unfortunately exhibit the same kind of irrational behavior that is traditionally and wrongfully reserved for women.

Gentlemen, the fact is, men are subject to stereotypes just as pervasive as those about women. Not many men look like, or live like, the men in beer commercials on TV, no matter how much the advertisers would like you to believe they do, and no matter how much you yourselves would like to believe they do.

Walt Disney's movies-from-the-fifties-that-are-still-watched-by-impressionable-young-children-across-the-nation-today do have females that are appallingly passive and boring characters. But their princes aren't much more interesting. What the princes have is the distinguished honor of fighting all the fire-breathing dragons and saving all the weak, passive women whether they want to or not. Men are

still expected to be the achievers and leaders in our society, as well as prove their prowess in any physical combat.

And while Princess Jasmine in *Aladdin* (1992) bursts into tears when she believes a friendly street urchin was killed, Aladdin himself endures starvation, persecution and several murder attempts, and he never cries.

Don't laugh. Humans shed tears for a reason, but apparently there isn't any reason good enough to allow a teenage guy to cry.

So, gentlemen, I urge you to take a closer look at the cultural stereotypes that influence your image of yourself, and try to decide whether they are fact or fiction.

I know what I think, but I certainly can't tell you the answer to that brain-teaser.

Sincerely,
Emily Compton
Senior, Harpeth Hall

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NEWS

M.B.A. Theatre Presents: *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*

press release courtesy of Bart Whiteman and Sean Strauss

Montgomery Bell Academy's Theatre Department will be presenting the Dale Wasserman play *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. Performances will begin on May 6 at 8:00 pm and continue on May 7 at 8:00 pm and May 8 at 6:00 and 9:00 pm. All tickets are \$6.00 and may be reserved by calling 298-5514. Seating is limited.

One Flew... was originally a novel written by Ken Kesey in the early 1960's. It subsequently was re-written as a play that appeared on Broadway starring Kirk Douglas in the role of McMurphy.

In the middle 1970's, the story was turned into a film directed by Milos Forman and starring Jack Nicholson in the role of McMurphy, for which he won the Academy award for Best Actor.

The story involves a group of patients at a mental hospital and their struggle for individual dignity. Predictably, numerous commentators have criticized the story for portraying insane people as far more rational than the supposedly sane. This shortsightedness has missed the point that the asylum is simply a metaphor for the world

at large. The patients' problems and yearnings are not unfamiliar.

The M.B.A. Theatre production will be directed by Bart Whiteman. Featured in the M.B.A. cast are Andrew Vahrenkamp in the role of McMurphy, Bill Siesser in the role of Chief Bromden, Sean Strauss in the role of Billy Bibbit, and Lissa Ezell in the role of Nurse Ratched. Lights will be designed by Alan Sundell and Geoffrey Leek. Original music will be composed and performed by Rishi Malhotra and Ted Callahan.

New Junior Honor Society Inductees

by Tom Springer, News Editor

In the assembly on Tuesday, April 20, the Montgomery Bell Academy Junior Honors Society conducted its annual induction of new members. The Society, which "provides younger students who meet the qualifications the opportunity to be recognized for high academic attainment and good character prior to their eligibility to the Cum Laude Society," considers Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth graders who have at least three

consecutive semesters of a ninety average.

This year's new members are David Brooks, Martin Gilmore, Lee Hampton, Stephen Marler, Joseph Martinez, Michael Moran, Adam Nadeau, William Partlett, Brian Stults, Matthew Tapia, and Adam Vahrenkamp. *The Bell Ringer* congratulates these students on their outstanding performance.-coming soon: Cum Laude and Totomoi inductions



MICHAEL 'Renee'
LIFESTYLE PORTRAITURE

(Formerly Skipworth) Salutes

Mark Fuqua

Mark is a member of Totomoi, an outstanding member of the Varisity football and baseball teams, and President of the Student Council

Chess Team Enjoys Success

by Jason Bennett, Staff Writer

Throughout this year the M.B.A. Chess Club has enjoyed great success both at the school and at tournaments around the city, state and region. Our main travel team has consisted of Jason Bennett and Winn Keathley, who have won multiple trophies and were joined on occasion by Andrew Vahrenkamp, Ian McClure, and David Gregory. At M.B.A., the chess club has grown to approximately 50 members, a size not seen in over four years. We hope to continue this trend next year with continuing growth and success.

Unarguably, however, the greatest accomplishment of the team this year is its success at the Region and State tournaments. Not since the mid-70's had the team won the state, but it had high hopes going into the Region, with three full teams assembled in three different divisions, all with a chance to place. Mother Nature intervened, however, and dumped a few inches of snow on Nashville that weekend, delaying the tournament

to the next week, the first weekend of Spring Break. The team persevered, however, and with a few substitutions, managed to pull off a fourth place showing and thus advance to the State one week-end later. Here the full talent of the team showed through. With our standard complement reassembled, the team pulled off a stunning second place, besting such schools as MLK and Hume Fogg. In the tournament, Winn Keathley, the top board, scored 3.5/4 for the best score on the team, while second board Jason Bennett and third board Ian McClure both scored 3. Fourth board Andrew Vahrenkamp scored 0.5, gaining his draw at a critical time.

Although we will lose two good players, Winn Keathley and Andrew Vahrenkamp to graduation, the team hopes that a new crop of Junior School students combined with Sophomores Ian McClure and David Gregory, will allow the team to continue its winning ways through next year.

Editor...

always, any input or suggestions are welcome. Anyone interested in writing or typing for the year-end extravaganza please see me, Dr. Griffith, or any of the other editors. Also, the 1993-94 staff of *The Bell Ringer* will be announced in the final issue. One final reminder to seniors: last wills and testaments are due **no later than Friday, May 7!**

Sincerely,
Will Berry
Editor-in-Chief

Prom...

machine, and at midnight the band concluded their performance with a "Push Down and Turn" T-Shirt, C.D., and Tape sale. As everyone left, many voiced their enjoyment of the band and everyone felt the lights added a lot to the evening.

If anyone wishes to get their own "Push Down and Turn" T-Shirts, C.D.'s or tapes, please see Michael Haslam or Robert West.

Lastly, the Junior Class would like to thank Mr. Womack and Dr. Springer for their help in putting on this major production.

Project

Graduation...

nior (name of guest not required at time of purchase). Tickets will be \$5.00 each. **Don't delay!!** Ticket sales will close at **1:00 pm on Wednesday, May 12.**

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RESULTS FROM NATIONAL FRENCH AND GERMAN EXAMS:

German Level II

David Brooks: 1st State, 1st

Peter Ghishan: 6th State, 3rd

Ian McClure: 9th State, 4th

John Farringer: 11th State, 5th

Beau Tidwell: 11th State, 5th

Anton Hie: 4th State, 1st

J.T. Steele: 4th State, 1st

German Level III

Anton Hie: 4th State, 1st

J.T. Steele: 4th State, 1st

French Level IA:

(All City Results)

Scott Bowen 1st

Rob Welhoelter 3rd

Ben Bodzy 3rd

Bill McGugin 5th

Jonathan Born 6th

John Bearden 7th

Cory Frazier 7th

Eric Compton 8th

Daniel McGugin 9th

Grant Harrell 10th

Judd English 11th

French Level IIA:

David Kantzman 3rd

Freddie O'Connell 6th

Anderson Williams 7th

Will Parsons 8th

Richard Chen 9th

French Level III:

Taylor Harris 2nd

French Level IV:

Andrew Vahrenkamp 6th

Congratulations to all of these

students for their successes in

these respective contests!

OPINIONS

A Plea for Consistency



**Flagg
Youngblood**
**Staff
Writer**

While relaxing on the beaches of Mexico over Spring Break, I could not help but put my mind to thinking of something. Looking over to my small pile of belongings on the beach, the first object I saw was, of course, my M.B.A. Spring Break T-shirt. Immediately, I thought to myself: why were so many other T-shirt designs censored when this design was not?

Now, do not get me wrong, I do not have any problems with this product or any of the other ones which were proposed for production. In fact, I do not even take economics; so I have no connection to any of the "companies" involved. As a student and critic of the school, however, I do have a problem. The policy used to evaluate which products can and cannot be emblazoned with the M.B.A. name seems to be rather inconsistent.

How is it that a talked-about Otter Tees, Inc. design depicting furry woodland creatures on a beach is deemed inappropriate when a Nut-Tees, Inc. product with a patently drunk worm and a guy busting a coconut is deemed appropriate? If the high moral ground is so sought

after by the powers that be at M.B.A., then why is an unfounded rumor sufficient to stop production of Otter Tees' product when the actual depiction of blatant public drunkenness in a Nut-Tees' product is not?

Keep in mind, Otter Tees was prohibited from production because inferences were made that it had the possibility of being construed as sexist; yet, Otter Tees' never even presented a

Consistency must once again become part of the accepted evaluation process at M.B.A.

complete, finalized prototype for the manufacture of the shirt.

Again, I am not writing this in order to push for censoring of the Nut-Tees'

product; rather, I am writing to say that it's an all or nothing proposition. Either all the proposed designs are allowed to be produced, or none of them are allowed to be produced.

This unclear decision-making points to a lack of uniformity.

Consistency must once again become part of the accepted evaluation process at M.B.A. Unfair advantage is what so many at M.B.A. are currently touting as the crux of their fight. But clearly this problem goes far beyond this recent incident with T-shirt production.

Another example is readily provided by the new

demerit system. So many times I have heard of gentlemen getting out of serving demerits because they are "gentlemen," and even in some cases "too busy to have to fuss with demerits." Without going into specifics, I can say that I do possess first-hand knowledge of several instances; as well, I can recollect many similar situations that friends have related to me.

Nothing could be of greater disservice to the students of M.B.A. and the surrounding community. We are, after all, here to learn from everything we do, and when something goes unnoticed or unpunished, each one of us can lose out. I write not to cast any blame or vent any ill-feelings, but I am writing to point out a problem which must be addressed if M.B.A. is to maintain its status as one of the nation's foremost private college preparatory schools.

...be sure to pursue a well-designed, pre-planned course of action that everyone can understand and follow

The school is at the great crossroads this year with an entirely new campus and administration, and if it is to excel, it must decide what its goals are and pursue them with all its

energy. As Seneca put it: *For he who lacks direction, no wind can be favorable.* To some, such criticism may seem rather reactionary and unnecessary, but, on the other hand,

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Let's Respect School Property



**Jason
Bennett**
**Staff
Writer**

To people outside the M.B.A. community, M.B.A. students are called "mama's boys," since they feel we are all rich and soft. Although our athletic and academic prowess has dispelled any truth to this jibe, our actions here at school have lent credence to it. I speak of the disrespect for school property that seems to have infected the student body. Students disgustingly spit in classrooms and on the grounds, chew tobacco and spit it

in the football stands, eat in the stands and leave their trash around, and in general destroy what we have spent our good money to build.

One part of this sad trend that I have been party to is the destruction of the chess sets in the Ball Building. At the beginning of this year we had at least twenty boards with sets to match. At the end of the first quarter, we had lost pieces to about three to five of these sets, so Mr. Regen bought several more plastic sets with boards. I now sadly report that we are down to around five to six sets, combining the plastic pieces with the original ones. This is a disturbing event.

Since the closing of the History room, there has been no official place for students to play chess, and Mr. Regen has outlawed it during study hall. Many students, however, still gather during lunch, activity period and after school to play. Some of these activity period players, however, have no respect for anyone or anything, and they throw and spill pieces all over the Trophy Room floor, where they are swept up and thrown away. Even after school,

where a higher caliber of player goes, there is still carelessness, especially because no one will take responsibility to clean up at the end, a state which also prevails at lunch.

Even as I write this article, there is a large stack of chess boards on the floor of the Trophy Room, out of the bag they should be in. If we wish to dispel the myth that we are a bunch of rich snobs who have their maids do all their work, we should endeavor to take care of our school. There is no reason for the Chess Club to be playing with paper pieces now because of people's stupidity! We simply cannot have that attitude of "buy a new one when we destroy the old one." We are too smart to hold such base

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If we wish to dispel the myth...we should endeavor to take care of our school

A Little Moral Housecleaning



**Bo
Sundius**
**Senior
Class
President**

What has happened to M.B.A.? In M.B.A., I envision an institution where the student body encompasses the motto "gentleman, scholar, athlete" not only in appearances but also in body and soul. So much stress is placed on facades and appearances that we often forget to act and

think in the manner in which we appear. Take for instance the article entitled "Love it or leave it." The article had a great theme and could have had meaning had I not looked on the bathroom walls and seen "LONG HAIRS GO HOME" and "LOVE IT OR LEAVE IT" engraved into the wall-board. This to me seems like a great hypocrisy for if you really love the school then you would not be defacing its walls.

Now, it is not only the student body who is to-

tally guilty of this hypocrisy; for the faculty is at fault as well. Many times in dealing with the administration, I have been told "no you cannot have this" or "no you cannot do that" because it does not keep in the following of what a M.B.A. student should LOOK like or SEEM to be. What the faculty is missing is that M.B.A. should not be as concerned with its student body's appearances as with what it encompasses in its true demeanor and character. Everything boils down to a conflict

between appearance versus reality. I have heard teachers comment, "you work too hard" and "we can stop now. This is GOOD ENOUGH." The word "enough" is merely a cop out for doing the job properly. It does not matter if we are wearing coats and ties or just plain jeans and a tee-shirt. Either appearance is perfectly acceptable as long as the job is completed well.

The motto "gentleman, scholar, athlete" is not dependent on our appearance but rather revolves in the in-

ner qualities of the M.B.A. student. The faculty and the

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M.B.A. Says Goodbye to Teaching Legends

by Will Berry, Editor-in-Chief

At the end of the school year, three marvelous ladies, Mrs. Bowers, Mrs. Hollins, and Mrs. Lowry, will retire, ending their illustrious teaching careers at Montgomery Bell Academy.

Mrs. Bowers, who came to M.B.A. in 1972, will leave having taught her native language French for twenty-one years, with her specialty being in French Literature.

Mrs. Hollins likewise will leave an enormous void in the French Department, having taught at M.B.A. since 1959, and specializing in second and third year French.

Mrs. Lowry, the dean of M.B.A. faculty, also will

step down, having taught senior English since 1942, and spending many years as chairman of the English Department.

All three of these teachers will be missed for many years to come. An M.B.A. without Mrs. Bowers' Rimbaud, Mrs. Hollins' grammar, or Mrs. Lowry's "Alas, Poor Yorick" is hard to imagine.

As a student who has had the pleasure and the privilege of being in the classroom with these three teachers, I can say that their love of learning and dedication to their students has set them apart. Each with her own style, Mrs. Bowers, Mrs. Hollins, and Mrs.

Lowry all possess a unique ability to make their subject come to life, using their charm and humor to inspire their students.

As many of their students will attest, these three teachers have done more than teach French or English; they have taught us "how to live" and have made a remarkable difference in the lives of countless students.

Mrs. Bowers, Mrs. Hollins, and Mrs. Lowry have also influenced their peers on the faculty. Mrs. Anne Orth described them as "three truly wonderful teachers whose wit and wisdom have meant so much not only to their students but also to their colleagues...their dedication to excellence and their dedication of spirit represent what M.B.A. is all about."

Dr. Harold Crowell also spoke of all three teachers with high regard. He said that Mrs. Bowers' "insistence on high standards has provided her students with a true measure of their achievements."

He praised Mrs. Hollins' "ability to see the best in all of us" and describes her as "a wonderful teacher, a constant friend, and an inspiration for younger teachers."

Mrs. Jo Palmore spoke highly of her good friend Mrs. Lowry, saying, "She does more than teach; she truly inspires her students. The lessons go beyond literature and writing; Mrs. Lowry teaches

boys how to live."

Indeed, these three teachers are revered by both their peers and their students, and deserve recognition for their endless contributions to Montgomery Bell Academy.

We as members of the M.B.A. community should consider ourselves fortunate, fortunate to have had an opportunity to learn from Mrs. Bowers, Mrs. Hollins, and Mrs. Lowry.

Therefore, *The Bell Ringer* bids thank you and farewell to three of Montgomery Bell Academy's greatest teachers: Mrs. Jeannine Bowers, Mrs. Virginia Hollins, and Mrs. Mary Helen Lowry.

Their love of learning and their dedication... has set them apart

Their dedication to excellence and their generosity of spirit represent what M.B.A. is all about

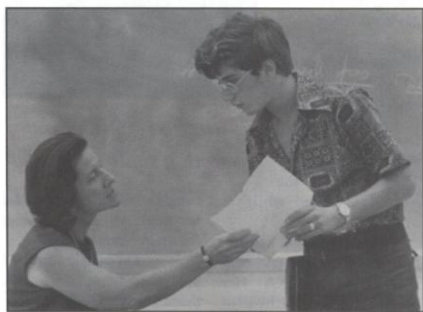
Mrs. Jeannine Bowers - French I, II, III, IV (AP)

by Brooks Martin, Staff Writer, and Andrew Vahrenkamp, Opinions Editor



Forty-two years (1972-1993), Madame

Jeannine Bowers has been tirelessly dedicated to the instruction of her native French language to M.B.A. students. Especially as a teacher of French literature, Madame Bowers has enlightened hundreds of students in the joys of Voltaire, Molière, and Rimbaud, while bringing a singular personal quality to the class.



Madame Bowers offers a helping hand

Over the years, Madame Bowers has seen the school change and develop dramatically, with the building of the Patrick Wilson Library, the Art and Speech Building, the Massey Building, and especially the long-awaited construction of the Joe C. Davis Building.

The resurrection of the M.B.A. Theater program has also impressed Madame Bowers who has enjoyed plays both on the old study hall stage in Wallace Hall and in the newly-constructed Davis Building Theater.

Madame Bowers has been impressed by the academic and gentlemanly quality of the students she has taught during her tenure; however, she does wish that students would have a greater respect for the school's facilities.

Having seen the school's expansion, she real-

izes that the opportunities available at the school should not be taken for granted and should be courteously respected.

Madame Bowers will be remembered by her students and her peers as a paragon of consistency and a teacher who loved her subject and her students. M.B.A. will not soon forget her love, loyalty, and dedication both in and out of the classroom.

On behalf of all of



Madame Bowers has always kept a watchful eye out for her students

your present and former students, thank you and God bless you.

A TRIBUTE

Mrs. Virginia Hollins - French II, III, IV (AP)



For thirty-four years (1959-1993), Mrs. Virginia Hollins has served M.B.A. with unrivaled enthusiasm. For thirty-four years she has taught

young men the French language at the second, third, and fourth levels. During all of this time, she has spread her charm and humor among faculty and students alike. Without a doubt, there are numerous anecdotes that could provide a true picture of Mrs. Hollins. I shall simply relate one.

Earlier this year, Mrs. Hollins broke her hip. In this painful and distressing situation, Mrs. Hollins' sense of humor and selfless dedica-

tion to education were manifested. When the paramedics asked her age, she quickly replied, "twenty-nine," and while being driven to the hospital by an ambulance, she made good use of her time by teaching her attendants a little French. Mrs. Hollins will always be twenty-nine, and I doubt the paramedics will ever forget the French they learned.

Mrs. Hollins' most memorable experiences as a teacher at M.B.A. have been: the trips to France with the students which began in 1970, the dedication of the yearbook, the dinner honoring her and Mrs. Lowry, and many humorous episodes in and out of the classroom about which she "could have written a book and perhaps become rich and famous."

Mrs. Hollins had a difficult time naming things that she did not like about M.B.A., but some of the aspects of M.B.A. that she cherishes most are the gentlemanliness, concern, and integrity of most of her stu-



Faites-attention, Monsieur!

dents, the small class sizes, and the department-chosen curriculum.

I asked Mrs. Hollins for a personal reflection. Here it is:

"I have spent nearly half of my life teaching at Montgomery Bell Academy, and what a memorable time it has been! Associating with young men who, for the most part, are dedicated to learning, interested in achieving, and committed to excellence has been a rewarding experi-

ence; for I have found those qualities among my students. To me, it is important and necessary as a teacher to establish a mutual trust, to encourage, and to let it be known from the beginning that a student can expect fairness, concern, and interest. I shall miss very much my daily relationships with the boys and with my friends among the faculty and staff."

On behalf of all of your students, past and present, thank you and God bless you.



Mrs. Hollins demands the best...or else

Mrs. Mary Helen Lowry - English IV, English IV (AP)



Mrs. Mary Helen Lowry has been teaching at Montgomery Bell Academy for fifty years

(1942-1993) through the tenures of six headmasters.

Mrs. Lowry taught under Mr. Howard Allen, Dr. Richard L. Sager, Mr. Francis E. Carter, Dr. T. Michael Drake's one year of "holding together," Mr. Gordon Bondurant, and Dr. Douglas Paschall.

Throughout this time, Mrs. Lowry has accrued numerous memories of each

by Julian Bibb, Sports Editor headmaster's tenure.

She has taught hundreds of students and worked with dozens of teachers throughout her tenure at M.B.A. This is Mrs. Lowry's last year to teach at M.B.A. and she leaves the hill with the high esteem of both her peers and her students.

In a recent interview, Mrs. Lowry discussed the school, teaching, and her experiences at M.B.A. When asked about her fondest memories of teaching at M.B.A., Mrs. Lowry answered that the friendships she has made with students and parents, and the response that she receives from her students in the classroom will always be special to her.

Mrs. Lowry went on to discuss teaching, suggesting the importance of concerned, motivational teachers in the classroom. She said, "Teaching is a challenge. Motivation is the name of the game."

In her hope for M.B.A.'s future, teaching remained her chief concern.

Mrs. Lowry noted, "I hope that we will always have, as we have in the past, a dedicated faculty: those who have an appreciation for the important values in life, people interested in each individual boy as a person, and those willing to advise and guide each boy."

Though she is leaving M.B.A. after commencement, Mrs. Lowry is going to stay busy with a book she is writing about the memories and "the people" she has encountered while at M.B.A.

Mrs. Lowry's departure will mark the end of a great period in M.B.A. Her presence has been felt by all of



"Heavens!" - Mrs. Lowry with a smile as usual

campus for fifty years, and her mark will surely remain for many years to come.

On behalf of all of your present and past students, thank you and God bless you.



Mrs. Lowry corrects yet another theme

ENTERTAINMENT

Distribution Staff Enlightens Lost Harpies and Scabs

Compiled by Associated Press (true source of report presently unknown)

In September of 1992, Editor-in-Chief Will Berry presented an idea to *The Bell Ringer* staff to circulate our superior publication to our eager and knowledge-hungry sister schools: Harpeth Hall and St. Cecilia. A list of 100 names was presented to be a part of this unique task force.

After days of deliberation in the Gibbs Room of the Joe C. Davis Building, the list was narrowed down to two prophets: Wayland Gregory Holyfield and James Whitson Anderton, Jr., thus forming the Distribution Staff, the most strenuous and challenging position of *The Bell Ringer*.

After weeks of tedious training and mental preparation, the D.S. was ready to proceed with its mission at hand. At first, the D.S.'s duties were simply limited to depositing the newspapers for our "sisters" to pick up at their convenience. However, upon written requests

from top officials from both schools (or so the D.S. claims), Greg and Andy were implored to personally distribute *The Bell Ringer* (and *The Bell Ringer* flyers). This required further training.

Thus, from October 14-18, 1992, the D.S. flew first-class to Seoul, Korea to attend the 1992 International Distribution Staff Seminar. There, the two prodigies learned new methods of distribution and communication.

Anxious to practice what they had learned, the D.S. was ready for action. The D.S.'s extensive training soon paid off. Greg and Andy were a little timid in performing this landmark journalistic endeavor;

however, their efforts were a complete success to say the least.



The D.S. Visits St. Cecilia

The Harpies and Scabs devoured this new on-campus pleasure, bringing smiles to their faces and tears to their eyes. Shay Upadhyaya, president of Harpeth Hall's senior class was quoted as saying, "Having Greg and Andy distributing the papers at school brings hope and new light to our otherwise dark and dismal days." At St. Cecilia, sophomore Mary Scott Wall remarked, "The *Bell Ringer* gives me an exciting new perspective on the M.B.A. community."

Response from both schools proved, as planned, that Greg and Andy did more than distribute papers; they distributed love and happiness to the young and innocent ladies of these fine acad-

emic institutions. When word of their success spread city-wide, the D.S. was rumored to be expanding their horizons to other local public and private schools.

Greg and Andy, however, suppressed these rumors, saying, "Harpeth Hall and St. Cecilia are like family to us. Trying to expand our operation would take away from the time and attention that we are presently providing."

Harpies and Scabs, don't let these fallacies get you down. The D.S. is here to stay. So, when you see that *Bell Ringer* mobile roll into your school, no need for compliments, we love you too.

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Metallica: A History of Metal

by Matt Reasor, Metalhead

Metallica, the monster of rock, was born in the early 80's and conceived by co-founders Lars Ulrich and James Hetfield. Metallica was unwilling to accept the Glam-rock (Schiel) scene of L.A., so they decided to move the band to San Francisco with all the Bay Area Bangers.

With new guitarist Kirk Hamonett replacing Dave Mustaine, founder, frontman, and god of Megadeath, Metallica recorded its first full-length album entitled *Kill 'Em All*. Cliff Burton, the bass wizard with the funky bell bottoms and dog breath, filled the position of former member Ron McGovney, a predestined "no-life." *Kill 'Em All* was heavily influenced by NWOBHM (New Wave of British Heavy Metal), an underground European breakthrough in heavy metal. They progressed by touring with fellow label-mates Raven and

began a new album called *Ride the Lightning*, a gnarly display of intense metal.

Metallica recorded the album in Lars' native country of Denmark. With this album, Metallica began to require its own style of play. After the album's release, they toured with Wasp, collecting a following which helped the album reach 101 on the Billboard music charts.

After a short break, Metallica began recording the album which led them to unimaginable success. With out the help of MTV or other popular promotions for pitiful bands like KISS, the album reached 25 on the Billboard charts. On a tour with legendary metal god Ozzy Osbourne, the band earned its place as heavy metal's newest legend.

While touring in Stockholm, Sweden, bassist Cliff Burton died in a tragic bus wreck, in which the bus crushed his face and his spleen, instantaneously

sucking the life from him. He was replaced by Jason Newstead, former member of Phlottsam and Jetsam. Metallica then released a collection of NWOBHM hits under the title *Garage Days Re-Visited* (which is rockin').

With their fourth album *...And Justice for All*, Metallica gained more success than any other band in the class of metal. They received a Grammy nomination for the video and single for "One" and topped off their success with their first head-lining tour.

Now, Metallica has its fifth and most successful album entitled "Metallica" selling over 6 million copies and numerous number one hits. The success of this album helped Metallica reach more fans than they had ever thought possible. Thus, the story of Metallica. Metallica is a band that has reached levels of success that no other heavy metal band has been able to reach.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Country Corner

picture by John Crosslin

**Greg Holyfield****Staff Writer**

I'm not going to beat around the bush. Dwight Yoakam is awesome. In March, he visited the Grand Old Opry for the Nashville 95 Listener Appreciation Concert. He put on one helluva a show by playing both his past hits and songs off of his most recent album, *This Line*. Dressed in skintight, tan leather pants, a glittery **COWP???** jacket, and his trademark Stetson, Dwight made more girls faint than I could count. M.B.A. seniors Andy Anderton, Clinton Russell, Trent Batey, Andy Ward, Brad Maggart, along with sophomore Bill Maggart went to see this deity perform. In the words of one concert-goer, "He was the epitome of greatness." His greatness has left me speechless.

In other Country news (and opinions)...

- Lorrie Morgan divorced Clint Black's bus driver and is rumored to be dating Bubba Skynard.
- The new lead singer of the

Kentucky Headhunters is pitiful.

- After smoking four packs of cigarettes a day and eating 1/2 pound of country ham and bacon every morning, Doug Stone has completely recovered from quadruple bypass heart surgery.
- Wynonna Judd is not a ho-



Dwight Yoakam performs at the Grand Old Opry

mossexual, Pam Tillis is pretty, and the band Palmino Road needs to get a new name (...how about Psychobilly Voodoo?)

- Restless Heart needs to go

on the road with Michael Bolton because their music is so Adult Contemporary.

- Contemporary Country Acts coming to Starwood this summer: Vince Gill, Travis Tritt, Alabama, Reba McEntire, Trisha Yearwood, Clint Black, and Hank Williams, Jr.
- Dwight Yoakam will be in a movie coming out this summer called *Red Rocks West*, starring Dennis Hopper and Nicholas Cage.
- Robert Ellis Orrall needs to get a new name.
- Patti Loveless has completely recovered from her throat surgery.

• After their last album bombed, the Pirates of the Mississippi fired their old producer and hired Mark Wright as their new producer. Wright also produces Mark Chestnutt's albums and also produced Clint Black's *Killin' Time* album.

- Tanya Tucker (CMSILF) is rumored to be dating Billy Ray Cyrus.

• Wild Turkey plans to play one last time before they break up because of contract and recording disputes.

Thanks for y'all's support and keep the letters and fan mail pouring in!

Luke Skywalker: Metalhead

by Samuel Smaldone, Metalhead

And Obi Wan Kenobi spoke. And his words were wise and good. Said he, "Luke, before you are many genres of music, but only one will make you a Jedi master.

To obtain the green light saber, you must choose and choose wisely, my son. The Evil One will confront you in the guise of numerous genres. Beware, lest you choose the wrong one, for eternal torture

with fire and water will be your fate. Beware most of all of Country music.

Use the force to conquer and slay the Dark Side. Luke, you must now go to the Degobah System to obtain Psycho-Sammy's new Heavy Metal List.

That, Luke, is your green light saber, and with it, you can destroy the Dark Side by making it known to all."

Psycho Sam's Heavy Metal List

- 5) Cathedral
- 4) Slayer
- 3) Entombed
- 2) Gwar
- 1) Sylvester's Death

Consistency...

I base my argument upon the six years I have spent on the Hill.

I feel as though I have a decent grasp of what the school possesses and what it lacks. M.B.A. has many fine traditions to maintain, and sometimes the responsibility can be rather onerous, for with every privilege comes an even

greater responsibility. So as my tenure as a student at M.B.A. draws to a close, I want to leave my one and only piece of advice for anyone who will listen: with any responsibility, be sure to pursue a well-designed, pre-planned course of action that everyone can readily understand and follow.

Appearance...

students need "a little moral housecleaning" (Faulkner), and I am not talking about painting the outside walls or fixing the curtains. We need to revamp the inside; sweep out the dust in the attic; and for once set our priorities straight. The stress on appearance has been a flaw at M.B.A. for the six years I have been here. M.B.A. does have

a reputation to keep, but it is a very thin and shaky reputation if it is to be upheld by appearance alone. M.B.A. should teach its students to think and act as gentlemen, scholars, and athletes, not just dress them that way. Even as I am leaving M.B.A., I hope that the faculty can instill the motto of "gentleman, scholar, and athlete" into their students' hearts as well as their own, rather than flash it around superficially in appearances.

Respect...

and foolish and wasteful ethics. If there is no change in attitude, M.B.A. will simply become another vandalized, run-down school, and I for one want no part of that sort of school.

Answers to Sports Trivia:

1. c, 2. a, 3. b, 4. d, 5. a, 6. d, 7. b, 8. c, 9. b, 10. d, Bonus: b

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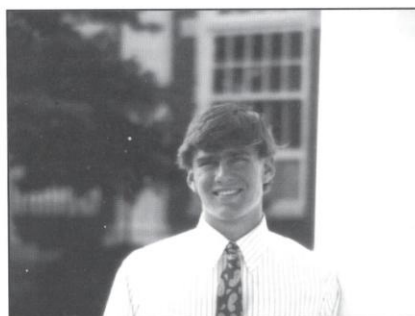
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Sports Trivia

by Brendan Hughes and Doug Pierce

- Who was on deck when Bobby Thompson hit "The Shot Heard 'Round the World"?
A. Willie McCovey B. Willie Royals
C. Willie Mays D. Willie Mejesus
 - Who has the NL record for most career grand slams (18)?
A. Willie McCovey B. Willie Royals
C. Willie Mays D. Mickey Mantle
 - Which player holds the record for most hits in a World Series game (5)?
A. Mickey Mantle B. Paul Molitor
C. Otis Nixon D. Ty Cobb
 - What do racers drink in the Indy 500 Winners' Circle?
A. Pabst Blue Ribbon B. Falls City beer
C. Champagne D. Milk
 - What was football star Elroy Hirsch's nickname?
A. Crazy Legs B. Crazy Arms
C. Wildman D. Judd
 - Who was the MVP of the 1990 Fiesta Bowl?
A. Raghib Ismail B. "Boo" Williams
C. Frank Stams D. Tony Rice
 - Who is Auburn's career leader in yards per attempt (7.2)?
A. Bo Jackson B. Brent Fullwood
C. James Brooks D. Joe Cribbs
 - Who set the NHL record for most points by a rookie?
A. Wayne Gretzky B. Mario Lemieux
C. Teemu Selanne D. Alexander Molinsky
 - Which one of these players was not a 1989 NCAA Basketball 1st team All-American?
A. Stacey Knig B. Glen Rice
C. Pervis Ellison D. Danny Ferry
 - What team holds the NCAA tournament record for most points in a game (149)?
A. Coastal Carolina B. Prairie View A&M
C. Slippery Rock D. Loyola Marymount
- Bonus: What is Darth Vader's real first name?
A. Lucious B. Anakin
C. Wesley D. Beru

For answers to questions: see page six

Tennis...

eyeing rival Baylor for the State Championship.

Recently, the Big Red has been playing extremely well, winning the prestigious Carter Invitational, outdistancing a strong field which included archrival McCallie. M.B.A. also won the district title (as usual), with

Sam Smaldone capturing the singles title.

With the most important matches of the season looming ahead, the Big Red tennis team needs your support. Come out and watch the Big Red roll into the region and state tournaments!

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M.B.A. Lacrosse Pummels Foes

by Kyle Hatcher, Staff Writer

The midpoint of the lacrosse season has descended upon the M.B.A. squad, and once again the Big Red has more or less pummelled all of the other teams in the league. The youth of the team along with the difficulty of its schedule caused a great amount of skepticism during the winter practice season; thus the success of the early season was a pleasant surprise. Also, the loss of teammates to schools such as Nashville/ Father Ryan and the flight of worthless quitters left gaps in all positions. Nevertheless, at the shrieking orders of coach Baer, the lax players were told to "get on the ball, Gus" and the remaining die-hards have been ordered since to "bite the other team's arm when they have you by the neck." With this kind of encouragement, a herd of Somalians in a Kansas cornfield couldn't run over the players.

The season began ominously with a few intense scrimmages against the Vanderbilt Lacrosse team, the defending SELC champions.

Basically, I'm not gonna tell you the ugly details. However, the weaknesses of the team were easily recognized. The regular season for the varsity began a month later for the defending M.A.C. TSLA champions with a visit to McCallie. We left as 13-1 victors, dominating the game thoroughly.

In the ensuing weeks, the Big Red stickmen bowled over opponents from Brentwood High, Sumner County (Hendersonville, Gallatin), McCallie again, and the wonderfully talented (that's sarcasm for you slow people) Nashville/ Father Ryan team. M.B.A. lacrosse also devoted themselves to a spring break trip to Hilton Head Island to battle teams from Massachusetts, New Jersey, Ohio, and some other random states. The team left each game victorious despite a half-game loss to some obnoxious northerners, one of whom had his collarbone broken by Hugh "Cro-Mag" Gaston. With all of the progress from this trip and other games, the Big Red

has made great strides toward a second consecutive M.A.C. and TSLA state championships. Games against Nashville, Brentwood, McCallie, MUS, St. Joseph's, and Lafayette all remain. There is a great need for some support outside of moms and a couple of freshmen.

Leading the team this year has been a contingent of only four seniors: All-American Goalie Alex Dean, Senior Captains Todd Counter on defense and Aaron Peterson on attack, and, of course, Showtime Hatcher. In addition is a Junior group composed of varsity members Anton Hie, Hugh Gaston, Shawn Lehman, Judd English, Will Hickerson, Tommy Brown, Mark Gaston, Nick Clabough, Lewis Jones, and "Bruiser" Tarkington. Kirk Howell also has given a big lift for the varsity underclassmen. Through the efforts of all these people, M.B.A. lacrosse seeks to bring home a second state and Middle American lacrosse championship.

Varsity Track Update

by Taylor Harris, Staff Writer

spot, the sprint team, has been shockingly outstanding, with Jody Cummings, Zach Greenwood, and Joseph Braden all blistering the track.

The team's pre-season goal was to win the state relays championship, a meet composed of relays involving all of normal field and running events, favoring those teams with depth. M.B.A. finished second in the regional relays meet, thereby tragically ending the pre-season dreams to advance to the state.

In other meets, the Mid South Classic McCallie, the Doug Hall Relays at M.B.A., and the Optimist's relays at Overton, M.B.A. has placed fourth consistently.

Two meets remain in the 1993 track season: the Region and the State. With athletes improving and recovering from injuries, the track team has the potential to place high. The state meet will be held at M.B.A. on May 14-15. Don't miss the Big Red track team in action.

Soccer...

star goalkeeper Bobby Zapf and the Red defense. M.B.A.'s Andy Barrett, Benji Griffith, Phillip Hill, and Ben Curtis hammered shot after shot at Brentwood's goal, but none would fall. Thus the game ended in a 1-1 tie.

Following the game with the Bruins, M.B.A. played CPA, winning, 5-0. The next game was a District

match against Overton. Although the Bobcats had cheerleaders and the home field advantage, the Big Red was able to "turn it up a notch" and score a 6-2 victory. The Big Red then took on Hendersonville at home. The Commandos proved to be a powerful foe, yet they could not stop the Big Red from scoring one goal on a brilliant

penalty kick by Andy Barrett. The Injun did a dance and the Big Red went on to win the tough-fought match 1-0.

Recently, M.B.A. tied Hillsboro 1-1, and defeated Hillwood 5-0. So far on the season, M.B.A. has scored 49 goals and allowed only 5. Come out and support the Big Red as it advances into the district tournament.

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Big Red Baseball Clinches District Title, Region Berth

by Howard Kong, Reporter

The M.B.A. varsity baseball team is in the midst of another excellent season. After reaching the state semi-finals, on the heels of a regional championship in 1992 with a 23-9 mark, the Big Red began the year with their annual trip to Cocoa Beach, Fla. Upon returning home, M.B.A. started the 1993 season with a six game win streak including district victories over Hillsboro, Pearl-Cohn, and Overton.

Next for the Big Red was the Mid-South Spring Classic in Millington, TN. Despite a first game loss to Southaven, a 5-A team from Mississippi, M.B.A. bounced back by beating Upperman, Horn Lake, and host team Christian Brothers, to win pool A. The team's final game in Millington was a loss to pool D winner Senatobia. The baseballers earned a third place finish with a 3-2 record, pushing its overall record to 9-2.

The Big Red returned home with an easy district win over Whites Creek.

Then, on April 14, M.B.A. played host to district rival Father Ryan. This game brought out the biggest crowd of the year, headed by the Right Field Rowdies.

The marquee matchup was the pitching duel between R.A. Dickey and Michael Lynch. The Big Red machine proved too much for Lynch, who was pulled in the sixth inning. On the other hand, the Irish just could not touch Dickey, who went the distance with six innings of no hit ball despite an unearned run. M.B.A. won the game 11-1.

After a 2-1

victory over Goodpasture, the Big Red continued its domination of District 11-AAA

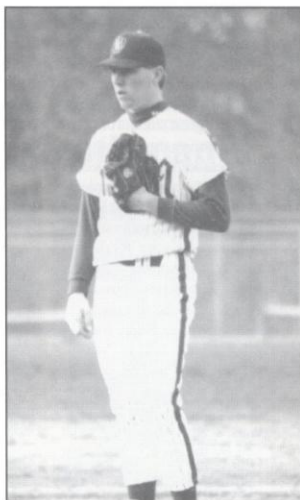
with wins over Hillwood, Hillsboro, Whites Creek, and Pearl-Cohn. The team's only competition within the district thus far has been Overton, which lost to the Big Red for the second time on April 27, in a 1-0 thriller.

The Big Red machine clinched the district title and a berth in the region tournament last Friday with another romp over the Fighting Irish, 14-0, with Dickey recording a perfect game on the mound. The team's overall record improved to 18-2, 11-0 in the district.

Despite the loss of seven seniors from last year's squad, the team is continuing its success by using an even mixture of youth and experience. The key to M.B.A.'s success thus far has been its timely

hitting and outstanding pitching corps, led by R.A. Dickey's three no-hitters and supplemented by the sophomore tandem of Dave Sifford and Stephen Bess.

The seniors are: catcher Mike Anderson, shortstop Trent Batey, outfielder Will Berry, pitcher/third baseman R.A. Dickey, and second baseman Mark Fuqua. Juniors: outfielder Parkes Owen, first baseman Loren Nash, third baseman John Downey, shortstop Howard Kong, and catcher Joey Delemos. Sophomores: pitcher/outfielder Stephen Bess, outfielders Ted Morrissey and Monte Poe, pitcher/third baseman Dave Sifford, and second baseman Anderson Williams. Coaches are Fred Forehand, Pat Woolsey, and Thomas Wims. Special thanks to Dr. Paschall for his help and support. Come out and join the Big Red as they roll on to the Region 6-AAA tournament.



Dickey prepares to unload

Big Red Soccer Prepares for District Tournament

by Julian Bibb, Sports Editor

The 1993 M.B.A. Soccer Team has been having a very successful year. At 9-1-3, the team is preparing for the district tournament. The regular season began at home with McGavock, where the Big Red squad left the opponents wondering what had happened in a 6-0 devastation.

Next, the team travelled to Memphis for a tough game against MUS. Here, senior forward Andy Russ displayed superior moves and scored two goals. The defense, anchored by seniors Matt Barrett, Bo Mixon, Sean Murphy, and Julian Bibb, played well, leading M.B.A. to a 2-0 victory.

From this game, M.B.A. travelled to Fairview High, another newcomer to the soccer field. M.B.A. won convincingly 8-0. The biggest highlight of the game was fullback Sean Murphy's goal late in the 2nd half, further ensuring the

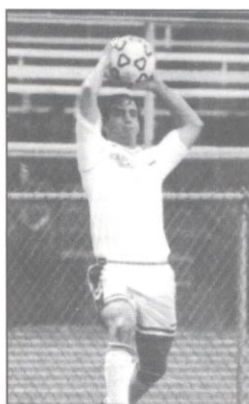
team's victory.

The Big Red's first District match was against FRA. The team once again

fought but lost by one goal, scored about 20 minutes into the second half.

From this loss the soccer team moved on to play district rival Father Ryan. Despite dominating the Irish, the team could not put one in the net, and the game ended in a scoreless tie. Accordingly, the Big Red took their frustrations out on FRA yet again, winning 6-0.

The next day, M.B.A. played one of the toughest teams in the state: Brentwood High. From the beginning, the team dominated the game. After the midpoint in the match, M.B.A.'s own Charlie Thombs scored on Brentwood, putting the Red up 1-0. They maintained the lead into the end of the half. Early in the second half, Brentwood showed signs of vitality and after 10 minutes evened the score past super-



Russ puts it in play

played very well and won handily, 8-0. After Spring Break, the Big Red machine faced Franklin High in Franklin. The game was hard

Despite losing four seniors, the 1993 Varsity Tennis Team looks to be as strong or stronger than last year under Coach Poston. The team is led by senior Sam Smaldone; juniors Jim Bowen, Charles Warner, Larry Underwood, Kevin Stoll, Jonathan Hulbert, and Sandeep Soni; sophomores Randy Howell and Daymon Hailey; and freshmen Bill and Daniel McGugin, Kevin Malek, and Chris Jones.

The Big Red began its season by destroying Father Ryan. For Spring Break, the team headed to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., where went 3-1 as it defeated Pinecrest, St.

Thomas, and Cardinal Gibbons. Its only loss was to the Miami team from Ransom Everglades. Recovering from Spring Break, the team bounced back and massacred USN. The tennis team then sought revenge on defending state champion M.U.S. The result was a convincing win - only two matches were lost out of nine.

Later in the season, M.B.A. will travel to Chattanooga to play McCallie, and then to Knoxville to take on local competition. This year's team appears strong and is

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